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GLORIA MOLINA RENEWS \$10,000 REWARD FOR PAULINE SQUIRES HIT-AND-RUN KILLING

LOS ANGELES (September 1, 2009)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced today the renewal of a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator responsible for the 2004 hit-and-run killing of 23-year-old Pauline Squires in Azusa.

“Though this case unfortunately has gone cold, we truly hope that this reward induces someone with information on Pauline Squires’ death to talk to police about what they know,” Molina said. “Pauline was taken from her parents, surviving family, and friends in the prime of her life. They deserve justice and closure, and we deeply hope they get it.”

On Molina’s motion, the Board of Supervisors unanimously renewed today’s reward (which was first established in December 2008). This matches the City of Azusa’s \$10,000 reward—issued at the Azusa City Council’s October 20, 2008 meeting on Mayor Joe Rocha’s motion—bringing the cumulative reward total to \$20,000.

The hit-and-run fatality that killed Squires and injured her friend, 19-year-old Michael Braier, took place on March 27, 2004, when a car going north on Azusa Avenue failed to stop at the Fourth Street intersection. It struck Squires and Braier, who were crossing the sidewalk on foot. Both victims were transported to the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California (LAC-USC) Medical Center. Braier survived with a broken neck but Squires was pronounced dead.

While no witnesses actually saw the crime take place, a local Azusa man reported to the Azusa Police Department that he heard the crash and saw a silver or light gray Ford Focus or Toyota Echo drive by with a shattered windshield. There are no signs that the driver braked or swerved after hitting Squires and Braier—and there still are no leads to help catch the culprit. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call Corporal Dean Brewer with the Azusa Police Department at (626) 812-3200.

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